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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing to urge you to accept the pending deal in the Microsoft case. This agreement offers the competition plenty to work with to gain ground in the software market and should mean an end to this costly government action.

Microsoft is one of the great success stories in the history of U.S. business and should not be disbanded because their competitors can't gain consumer support and market share. With the pending settlement, the company has made extensive moves to give their rivals more opportunities to succeed, from licensing its technologies to disclosing its internal code for the Windows operating system. The added verification of a three-person group of experts to monitor the deal should provide added assurance of the plan's long-term effectiveness.

Please make sure to confirm this court-mediated compromise at the soonest time possible, as these steps provide plenty of options for computer makers and give software developers more than enough chance to compete. Any further action is unnecessary. Please make the right decision.

Sincerely,

  
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